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SUBJ: DECISION ON EXPULSION OF NORWEGIAN COMMUNISTS TO BE
TAKEN BY SV CONGRESS IN FEBRUARY

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1. INTERNAL DIVISIONS WITHIN NORWEGIAN
COMMUNIST PARTY(NKP) WERE FURTHER AGGRAVATED WHEN
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NORWAY'S SOCIALIST LEF PARTY(SV)
MET NOV 9 AND AGREED THAT SV'S UNIFICATION PROCESS WHOULD
BE ACCELERATED AND DECISION ON EXPULSION OF NKP SHOULD
BE TAKEN BY SV CONGRESS FEB 20-21. MEANWHILE,SV
NATIONAL COUNCIL CHACHALLENGED SUPPORTERS OF
THE NKP CONGRESS' MAJORITY DECISION WHICH REPUDIATED
SV TIMETABLE FOR DISSOLUTION OF NKP AND OTHER SV COMPONENT
PARTIES TO "TAKE ORGANIZATIONAL CONSEQUENCES", THAT IS TO QUIT
THE SV.

2. IN PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING SV NATIONAL
COUNCIL DECISION, SV LEADERS MADE IT CLEAR THAT
THEY EXPECT SV CONGRESS IN FEB WILL GIVE COMMUNISTS
RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD AFTER CONGRESS TO QUIT NKP OR
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BE THROWN OUT OF SV. PRESS REPORTS SUGGEST THIS WILL

ENTAIL REQUIRING DISSOLUTION OF SV'S MEMBER PARTIES
BY SOMETIME DURING SPRING 1976,RATHER THAN BEFORE
END OF 1976, AS NOW PLANNED.

3. SV SECRETARY RUNE FREDH,UNTIL RECENTLY AN NKP
CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER,PREDICTED THAT MOST NKP
OFFIERS AAND MEMBERS,EXCEPT IN OSLO,BERGEN AND
NORWAY'S THREE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES, WILL LEAVE NKP
FOR SV. FREDH SAID THIS WAS EXPECIALLY TRUE OF
COMMUNIST TRADE UNION OFFICERS, AND THAT SO LITTLE WOULD
BE LEFT OFNKP THAT IT WOULD BE HARD FOR IT TO
FUNCTION AS AN ORGANIZATION. FREDH EMPHASIZED THAT
HE AND OTHERS WHO WOULD LEAVE NKP WERE STILL AND WOULD
REMAIN COMMUNISTS AND WOULD WORK FOR REVOLUTIONARY
PLICY IN SV.
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